

SENATE BILL 155

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By: **Senator Della**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore City - Number of Branches**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to maintain a  
4 certain central branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore City and  
5 certain branch libraries of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in certain communities  
6 of Baltimore City; and generally relating to the Enoch Pratt Free Library in  
7 Baltimore City.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Education  
10 Section 23-402(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

13 BY adding to  
14 Article - Education  
15 Section 23-402(f)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article - Education**

21 23-402.

22 (a) (1) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION,  
23 THE Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall be governed by the requirements and  
24 regulations pertaining to the Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore City as provided  
25 in Chapter 181 of the Acts of 1882 and any other laws applicable to the operation of  
26 public libraries.

27 (2) The powers and duties of the Board of Trustees of the Enoch Pratt  
28 Free Library are as provided in Chapter 181 of the Acts of 1882 and the Charter and

1 the Articles of Incorporation of the Enoch Pratt Free Library and other laws  
2 applicable to the Board of Trustees of the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

3 (F) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 181 OF THE ACTS OF  
4 1882, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE SHALL MAINTAIN:

5 (1) ONE CENTRAL LIBRARY OF THE ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY; AND

6 (2) AT LEAST 21 BRANCH LIBRARIES LOCATED IN VARIOUS  
7 COMMUNITIES OF BALTIMORE CITY.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 October 1, 2003.